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For: Siliconized Surgical Needles And Method For Their Manufacture

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit the enclosed reference for the Examiner's consideration.

It is respectfully requested that the reference(s) submitted with Form PTO-1449 be considered during Examination of the above-identified application and made of record therein. A copy of the reference(s) is/are enclosed. This submission is believed to be in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and 37 C.F.R. §1.98.

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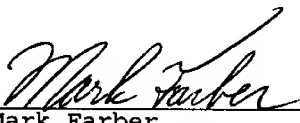
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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully
requested.

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